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Anatomy of a Science Club

by Joe Bentivegna

You may ask "What's so interesting about the science club?" When I was asked to do this assignment I had the same question in mind until I interviewed Mr. Vitta and found the answer to be, "Everything!" That's right, everything from astronomy down to environmental studies. Like Mr. Vitta says, "The purpose of the club is to instill in the students of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School a feeling for the scientific world and possibly provide the enthusiasm for future scientists of America."

A club like this would never be if it weren't for the two moderators (Mr. De Fina & Mr. Vitta) who run it. These two men put in their time, not only in school but *after*, to make this club a success. Another reason for the success of the club is the many sections you can choose from to suit your taste. These clubs include the Biology Club, the Chemistry Club, the Ecology Club (Environmental Studies) and the Meterology or Astronomy Club.

The Biology Club, whose coordinator is Santo Lo Porto, meets every Friday in room 178. At the moment this group is disecting many different animals such as sharks, guinea pigs, snakes, cats and frogs. And on occasion this group goes out to the zoo to help construct the cages.

The Chemistry Club, whose coordinator is Anthony Giobbi, meets every Monday in the chemistry lab. For the first four weeks this group spent their time cleaning and setting up the lab for future use. Now the club gets together and enjoys its time by experimenting with different chemicals.

The Ecology (Environmental Studies) Club, whose advisor is Mrs. Skaleky, meets every Saturday morning at Bishop Ford. In the beginning of the year this group began building a series of nature trails for school groups to study at Gateway National Recreational Area in Floyd Bennet Field Park. Although the weather has been cold, this group has been keeping busy by building a museum exhibit on astronomy, meterology and biology. When I asked Mrs. Skaleky how she feels about the students in her group she said, 'The students in this section are extremely cooperative and wonderful to work with. They are very hard workers."

The Meterology (Astronomy) Club, whose advisors are Vinny Albanese and Anthony Purificato, meets every Wednesday in room 228. In this group the kids make home-made rockets which they shoot up in the air, as well as forecast the weather every day, for Bishop Ford has many instruments and panels on the roof and in the weather room. In the future this group will go on a trip to the C.B.S. Weather Bureau and meet Jim Jensen and the weather team.

Besides going on trips separately with their individual groups, these groups also get together a few times a year and go on big field trips. The major trip they have already taken was to Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, the kids visited Liberty Plaza, the Ben Franklin Institute and many other Bi-Centennial sights. The next major trip they will take will be to Washington, D.C. toward the end of April.

Whether you are interested in dissecting animals, mixing chemicals, going on field trips, or reading the weather, there's something for you in the Science Club.

John Benson and his snake.

Behind the Scenes

Edward Bove

In our society television is without a doubt the largest and most popular media. A day never goes by that we don't flick on the switch and watch something. It doesn't matter whether it is a comedy, a drama, a crime-show, or the news, but we always manage to slip in at least one program.

With this high viewing rate, it is unusual that not many of us know much about the T.V. station we have here at Bishop Ford. Yes, we have a station of our very own right here, yet how little we know about it!

I went to the television section of the school on the second floor recently to find out more about the station. I spoke with Michael Hurley there. He is the Director of Television for the diocese. Mike told me that the station here broadcasts to 202 Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens. All the shows are basically instructional. They deal with all areas for grades 1 to 12.

Most of the programs are leased from national libraries. Negotiations are conducted to decide how much they have to pay for the shows. Some shows are obtained from the State of New York free of charge. And some shows are made here to a limited extent.

"We have fourteen people on the staff in all," Mike said. "That includes technicians, programming, utilization and production people."

I continued the interview by asking who decides what shows will be broadcast. I was told that the program department here speaks with the curriculum coordinator to see what needs there are each year. Then they try to fulfill those needs. They work closely with the Catholic Diocese.

I inquired as to how long in advance programming must be planned. "It usually begins in January," he replied. "This is for the next school year. By May we know exactly what we'll show in September."

Mr. Hurley also informed me that they operate four television channels there.

"Odd" Success

The cast at rest

Anthony A. Gallotto

It was opening night at the Drama Club's production of *The Odd Couple*. As the theater lights dimmed, the audience grew silent and the curtain drew back revealing a well-lighted stage. The setting was that of an apartment belonging to Oscar Madison and Felix Unger who were so brilliantly portrayed by Robert Suttile and Nick D'Elia.

The minor roles of Murry, performed by Danny Petruccio, Roy, portrayed by Chuck Nunez, Speed, performed by Gerard Kammerer and Vinny, portrayed by Paul Soffing, were executed with magnificent skill. The roles of Marie and Donna Pidgeon, portrayed by the enchanting Jeannie Corrado and the attractive Carol Piscitello, were performed with superb ability.

It is generally agreed that the success of every play is based upon the ability of its cast. In the case of *The Odd Couple* this is most assuredly true; the entire cast seems to generate spirit, talent, and unity. Bill Lang, the Stage Manager, stated before the play, "The cast is excellent and they work well together. However, much credit should be given to those dedicated people who work back stage." Robert Suttile commented, "Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School has the best drama club in Brooklyn on the high school level and personally, I am proud to be a part of it."

The Odd Couple was one of the most hilarious productions that the Drama Club has ever performed. Audience reaction was very favorable as John Polizzoto remarked, "I admire the work that the Drama Club does and I believe that every play it has put on is excellent."

The Drama Club's production of *The Odd Couple* was an outstanding achievement by the students who were involved. Brother John Pavin and Sister Ann Gray should be thanked for the time and effort they gave.

Seven Awarded Scholarships

Anthony A. Gallotto

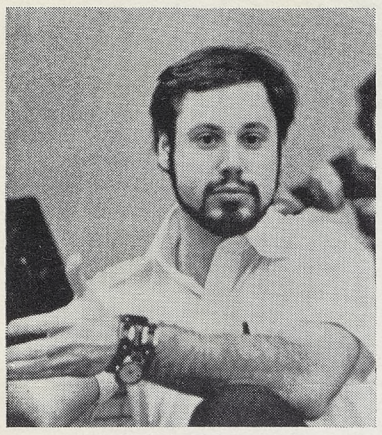
Seven Ford seniors have received recognition for their outstanding performance in the Regents Scholarship Contest. These seniors include: Michael Chew, Keith Dolan, Michael Fragale, Louis Milea, Louis Nunez, Frank Pissaro, and Nicholas Zavardino. The alternates include Nicholas Cuccurillo, Lennart Gidland, and Alfred J. Russo.

These students achieved high scores on the Regents Scholarship Exam, a six-hour test that was administered on September 29 to all seniors in New York State. The cash awards must be used to finance their college expenses and will be forfieted if they choose to attend college out of New York State.

Keith Dolan, Michael Fragale, and Nicholas Zavardino are members of the staff of *Highpoint*, Frank Pissaro and Michael Chew are outstanding members of the Table Tennis team, Louis Nunez has been associated with the Drama Club, and Louis Milea has been involved with intramurals.

These distinguished members of the Ford community who have gained notoriety among the student body over the past four years have now been recognized by the state with the honors they so rightly deserve.

Faculty Focus: Tony DeFina



Tony DeFina: Not monkeying around

Victor Levine

Mr. Anthony DeFina has been teaching at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School for only a few weeks. A man with an interesting past and an exciting future, Tony Defina was born and raised in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn where he attended Saint Ephrem's Grammar School, after graduating he attended Xavieran High School and N.Y.U. He studied on the graduate level of education at New York University at University Heights in the Bronx. Since then he has earned two degrees: Mr. DeFina has a BA in biology, an M.S. in vertebra biology, and is currently going to N.Y.U for a Ph.D. in psychobiology (behavior of animals). Mr. Defina will leave for Africa during the summer to go on safari in order to complete his studies. He commented, "It's hard work but I enjoy it."

Tony Defina trained in the Army Reserve and was stationed in Louisiana and Texas with the 307th General Hospital where he received a degree in pharmacy technology.

Here at Bishop Ford he is in charge of the biology lab and the school zoo, which he is presently attempting to enlarge. Tony talks of the two new cockatiels like a proud father. On most days he doesn't leave the biology lab until four or five o'clock.

When asked about the new school going coed, Mr. Defina replied, "I think the idea is great and long overdue. I'm sure it will improve the morale of the student body and add interest to the school."

The final conclusion of this reporter is that Mr. Anthony DeFina is aware, interested, and in touch with the student body; it is these characteristics of the man that make him the teacher he is.

Fraternity: Meaningful Organization

Edward Bove

It is in the tradition of most high schools and colleges to have a school fraternity. Bishop Ford is no exception to this old custom. Our fraternity has been appropriately named the Ford Fraternity (also known as the Third Order).

Despite the fact that we often hear about our small club, many of us don't really know what it is or why it exists. In order to learn more about the group, I spoke with its moderator, Brother Philip Meyer. Brother told me that he thinks the function of the fraternity is twofold: to afford a chance for the students to build community among themselves, and through that union in the fraternity, to move out and help others in different ways. Their aim is to provide an atmosphree of friendship, unity and service.

During the course of my conversation with Brother Philip, I asked him what he thought of the new school. He said, "I think that so far things are very promising and have run very smoothly. I see a lot of hope for the future on the part of the faculty and the students."

Many of us tend to think of the Ford Fraternity as a very holy organization or just a dull group, but it really isn't. Aside from trying to help others and recognizing themselves and their obligations as Christians, they undertake many "fun" projects. They do things like play baseball, go bowling and ice skating, take trips to such places as Bear Mountain and Rye Beach, etc. So it isn't such a stuffy group at that!

The Fraternity is a very important and meaningful society. We should all support its drives and projects. Then we might all have a real community spirit.

C. B. Sound Off

Damien O'Donnell

"Breaker by six to that Skyline Pigeon: ya got a copy on me?" At this point some of you may be asking, "What is that?" Well, it's the super sound of CB radio.

CB is said to be the greatest form of communication since the invention of the telephone. People who used to spend hours listening to their stereos or watching television have switched to CB. These people would rather listen and talk to other people, some of whom they don't even know.

Contrary to what some believe, CBers are very friendly, sociable people, and are very happy to help you if they can. Some CBers enjoy helping people so much that the channel they monitor most is channel nine (the emergency channel).

Other CBers are involved in civilian block patrol; these people take turns keeping an around-the-clock watch over their neighborhoods.

CB originated years ago. It was used by truckers who used it to avoid the highway patrol. The channel they used was channel nineteen. Channel nineteen is the traffic channel used both by truckers and four-wheelers (cars).

If you were to listen to a CB conversation you would probably wonder what they were saying. The CB lingo is a far cry from traditional English. In fact, the worse your English is, the better you sound.

If you are considering joining the millions of "Good Buddies" on CB, there are a few items you should consider. First, you will need a CB. Now, there are many types of CB's: there are walkie talkies, 23 channel mobiles for cars, 23 channel base stations for home use, and the SSB (Single Side Band)—this is a 69 channel radio.

In January 1977, 40 channel radios will be put on the market to replace the present 23 channels. This was allowed by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) because of the extreme overcrowding on the present 23 channels. After choosing a radio you need a "handle" (code name). Now all you have to do is learn some of the codes and start talking.

If you are interested in finding out more about CB, my advice to you is to go to one of the "Breaks" (where huge masses of CBers meet). There is a break at BIG Daddy's on Wednesday nights.

The Finest Faces at Ford

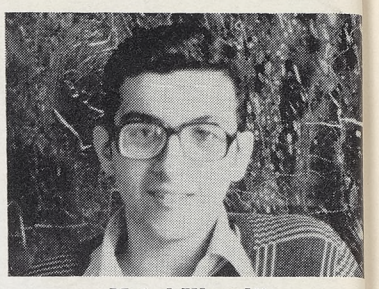
Patrick Parisi

Majed Khandji of homeroom 404 was born in Syria and came to America when he was ten years old. He now lives in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, specifically in Saint Anselm's parish.

Majed, an honor student, has displayed his school spirit through participation in the Science Club, the Math League, the Tutoring Club, NOUS (the French newsletter), the library service squad, and the bookstore; because of his accomplishments he was elected to the National Honor Society.

Majed has hopes of attending Poly Technical Institute and plans to work toward a Ph.D in Civil Engineering.

Politically speaking, Majed is most definitely against the election of southern Democrat Jimmy Carter to the office of President. "I feel that President Ford has been doing a fine job. He has brought respect to the office of President."



Majed Khandji

As conversation turned toward Bishop Ford, Majed evidenced a more liberal view: "The demerit system was made to supply order and provide justice; in this respect I feel it is a good policy."

Majed Khandji has truly achieved the recognition he deserves as a loyal member of the Ford community and an interested student.

James Johnson hails from Our Lady of Angels parish in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and is quite certainly an essential member of the Ford community. Known widely for his great sense of humor and many impersonations, Jim remarked during a recent interview, "I realize that life is very serious, but I enjoy looking at it in a humorous manner."

Jim has an intense interest in animals which prompted him to take part in the field biology course offered in Bishop Ford High School last year. "I like the new school, but I feel that the curriculum has greatly diminished from last year, especially in the science department."

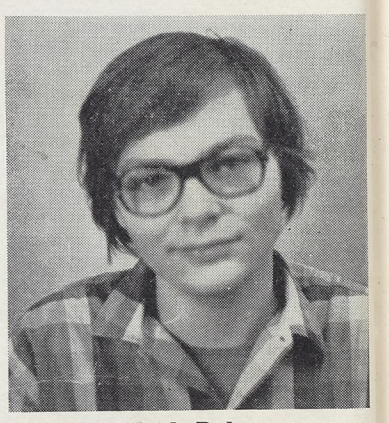
James Johnson

Jim would like to attend New York University and has hopes of being a zoologist.

Jim's hobbies reflect his interest in animals; he likes to build terrariums, collect reptiles, and has a collection of various aquariums.

Keith .Dolan was born in Brooklyn and belongs to the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. Keith plans to make politics his life. He plans to attend Brooklyn College and major in Political Science. "Politics is my major hobby and Social Studies is my favorite subject." Keith seems to hold the views of a moderate liberal in the Democratic Party. He is a strong supporter of James Earl Carter; he supports such projects as the federalization of welfare, national health insurance, the defence of NATO countries, and the realining of the national budget.

Keith Dolan is not involved in extracurricular activities, except for the school newspaper which consumes much time and effort on his part.



Keith Dolan

When asked about what he will remember most about Bishop Ford, Keith replied, "My friends, my teachers, and my fellow reporters."

Donald McCarthy, who comes to Bishop Ford from Our Lady of Angels parish in Bay Ridge, is an extremely important part of the Ford community. He has participated in the Ford Fraternity, and is now a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis; he has participated in the field biology course and in the intramurals program.

Donald has hopes of attending Saint Francis College and majoring in business administration. In his free time Donald's interests are aviation, collecting animals, and stamp collecting.

When asked about the new school, Donald replied, "The Administration is well balanced, and its members are suitable for the job, but I do feel that they are going to an extreme with the rules and regulations. "Furthermore," Don stated, "The teachers are competent, but I feel the senior class does not relate to these teachers as well as they did to the ones who were employed here before."

Donald McCarthy

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From the Editor's Desk....

Anthony Gallotto

Highpoint is the newspaper published by and for the students of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. It is a means through which the students may express themselves in print. The newspaper is designed to serve the entire school community, and its main purpose is to afford students the opportunity to experience first-hand and on an extra-curricular basis the dynamics of student newspaper publishing.

Besides reporting news and sports events, *Highpoint* recognizes its responsibility to address itself editorially to important developments affecting the entire school community. Editorial statements will stem from the regularly held meetings of the editorial staff, and every reasonable attempt will be made to be representative of the commonly held opinions and feelings of the student body. *Highpoint* welcomes letters to the editor on appropriate topics from responsible individuals; all such letters must be signed and dated by their authors, and addressed to the Editor-in-Chief.

Highpoint recognizes its responsibility to quote sources accurately and to report news and sports events as faithfully as possible. While it is clearly impossible to be entirely accurate in all instances, *Highpoint* pledges to continue to strive for this ideal.

The Final Solution

The world's greatest detective, Sherlock Holmes.

being a reprint from the reminiscences
of John H. Watson as edited by
N. Steven Zachary

Here dwell together still two men of note,
Who never lived and so can never die.
How very near they seem,
Yet how remote that age,
Before all the world went ari'.
But still the game's afoot
For those with ears atuned
To catch the distant, "You Hello."
England is England yet
For all our fears.
Only those things the heart believes are true.
As night decends upon this fabled street,
A lonely handsome splashes through the rain.
The ghostly gaslamps fail at twenty feet,
Here, though the world explode,
These two survive and it is always 1895.

It is with heavy heart and deep regret that I take pen to paper to chronicle the passing of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, known to companions and enemies, allies and foes alike, as The Detective. He was a man surrounded by events—happenings bespeaking terror, strewn with danger, dense with foreboding—which would make the skin to crawl, the hair to stand on end, and our most human curiosity to be stirred. Hopefully, these humble lines may satisfy the latter.

I sit here in my study, listening to the fire's crackle, and feeling its comforting warmth, almost abhorring the journey my pen will force me to undertake. However, I must be courageous, and so I shall summon forth all the natural strength I possess, in order to relate the events of those last few weeks, of which even the most impassioned man would disdain hearing.

I called on Holmes during the afternoon of the fifteenth, and upon entering his rooms, found him obsessed with rumination. He lay on the horsehair couch smoking his halabash, remaining eerily silent. I was sure he did not notice my presence, for his fox-like eyes were immovably focused upon the cluttered mantle, observing all the paraphernalia thrown upon it, yet seeing none of it. Feeling, then, that Holmes was too preoccupied to converse with me, I silently walked toward the door. His voice haulted my progress.

"Please sit down, Watson."

He spoke curtly, coldly, more determined than I had ever heard him. Nonetheless, I followed his directions and sat on a familiar settee.

Holmes did not move during the following discourse.

"Watson, the criminal is an interesting species, almost comparable to a malignant Phoenix. Once destroyed, his ashes refuse to rest, but arise to continue his parasitical existence. So it is with him, my dear fellow.

"You will be astonished when I tell you that Angel de la Morte is alive, acting again within his realm of crime. Yes, yes, so I, too, thought he had met his end at Reichenbach, when, due to my recollection of an obscure ju-jitsu hold, I saved myself from the fate to which I believed de la Morte had succumbed. But he is superhuman, Watson: diabolical, cunning, anti-man, the anti-Christ himself. An evil genius of evil geniuses, he preys upon society like a carcinogen, but stubbornly refuses to die when his host finally expires.

"Yes, Watson, we remember the irreversible damage he brought forth in Bombay, thus gaining entrance to your singular memoirs. Oh, that indeed was a three pipe problem! I never contested with a greater mind than his, Watson; I fear that when he is finally obliterated I will have to return to my cocaine. But, Watson, it would have been best for the world if he had died in Switzerland, for de la Morte is at this very moment stalking the streets of London, committing the most heinous of crimes, and finding glee, knowing that I have read the letter sent me by that felonious madman. No, you may not read it now, old fellow. I must talk quickly."

Holmes bounded toward his dressing closet, where, in the quick, mechanical method so well known to me, he donned his coat, deer stalker, and walking stick. Holmes then turned toward me.

"I must let you know now, Watson, I am searching for de la Morte; I have determined his whereabouts, and, Watson . . ."

I saw the cylindrical barrel of a gun protrude from his great coat.

". . . I intend to follow this mission to its completion."

I decended to the street; its incessant noise and the cold December air revived me. The barking of a newspaper vendor attracted my attention, and I bought this day's copy of the *Times*. The vendor, imprudently grabbed my wrist; I was about to strike him, but stopped, staring incomprehendingly at his personage.

. . . . To be Continued

(*The Final Solution,* by N. Steven Zachary, will be serialized and will continue in the next two issues of *Highpoint.*) The Editor.

Your Rights

Gary Falcone

What are my rights as a student? What are my responsibilities to the school? Can the school limit my rights?

The administration of a school has the legal authority and the responsibility to make and enforce rules that they believe will help them to provide us with an education.

Once this general authority was very broad and rarely subject to challenge on either personal or legal grounds, but in recent years the courts have recognized that students have the same fundamental rights as other citizens. If a school rule, or the way in which it is administered, interferes with one of these fundamental rights, the school may not be able to enforce it. However, all rights, whether in school or out, are subject to limitation where public interest requires it.

Another point of concern among students is discipline. Until fairly recently most schools had the right to exercise discipline *in loco parentis* (as a parent would). In the law's eyes the educator stood *in the place of the parent.* Under the law parents may punish their children in any manner they wish—short of extreme physical abuse. *In loco parentis* meant that there were few restraints, if any, on how the teachers or principal could punish their students.

Now the school's authority to discipline students is more limited. Educators are responsible for insuring that fair procedures are followed, particularly in cases where a student is expelled or suspended from school. In 1975 the United States Supreme Court decided that a student could not be suspended unless he was first told the reason for his suspension and given a chance to tell his side of the story. If he denied the charges against him, he would be told what evidence the school had to support its position.

Most educators are aware of the change in the law and have no desire to interfere with the rights of students. Most students accept educators as the authority in the school to make and enforce the rules.

The opportunity to get an education requires a certain degree of order, backed up by disciplinary powers. While Congress and state legislatures have moved to recognize the rights of students as citizens, they still acknowledge the school's responsibility to set appropriate limits.

Students Voice Government Opinions

Roy Galifi

INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: What do you think about the student council? What do you want them to accomplish?

Anthony Giobbi 204—"I want the student council to improve the relationship between student and teacher. They should give the student a say in the decision-making policies of the school."

Michael Greco 204—"They should promote more school spirit and try to keep more order in the school. They should try to make the school a better place to come to so that more students will be attracted to it."

Brian O'Neill 206—"They should promote more school spirit in sports. They should try to make the students attend the athletic events."

Henry Fifield 204—"They should try to create more intramural events. They should try to revise the demerit system so that you can get a demerit taken away if you are good."

Jose Cabrera 201 (Student Council member)—"I think the student council is good since we have new rules this year. We are trying to follow a constitution that Brother August set up. The guys are very interested and they have a lot of ideas. We're trying to set up more activities in the school and we want to improve communications between student and council."

Guy Pepe 207—"The demerit system is too strict and the student council should try to improve it."

Herbert Korn 105—"They should keep the students interested in the school. So far they are doing a good job. They should define themselves better because not too many guys know exactly what they are supposed to do."

John Cozzi 203—"I don't know of too many students who could tell you what the student council is and does; they should try to give a better definition of what they are."

George Plasencia 207 — "They should try to change the dress code. They should try to get rid of homeroom in order to let us get out earlier. They should try to change the demerit system."

Bill Schrantz 207—"They should try to cut homeroom down to only once a week. They should try to make the students aware of what they are."

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Ford Nails Christ the King

by John Ferro

The varsity basketball team was faced with a tough *Christ the King*. With tough defense and tremendous hustle, the Falcons outplayed C.K. with the score 77-63. Ford was led by Frank Gigioli with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Frank came off the bench to replace Paul Sorrezza, who, a few days before the game, reinjured his knee. Tom Ferro also contributed 23 points and 17 rebounds.

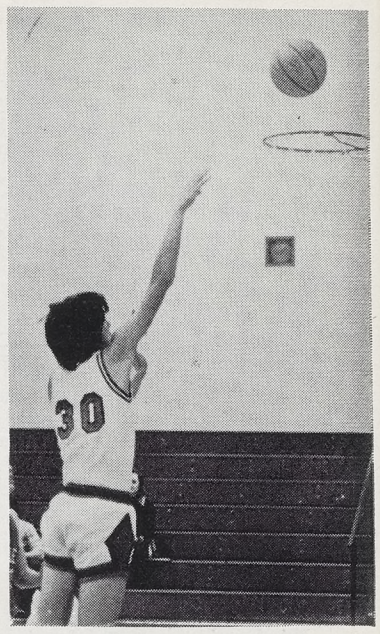
During the game the Falcons had an unexpected visitor at the game. Somebody dressed up in a gorilla outfit came to raise the school spirit of the many fans who supported the Falcons. Mr. DeFina supplied the outfit for a pep rally which had been cancelled. So, who was that masked man?

Mr. Nash commented on the game, "Once we held control of the game we were ahead." Ford's main skill is shown by the speed of the back court men, tremendous passing ability, and most of all, team ball.

In the pre-season games Ford had an overall record of 6 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. Some of the victories were against: Power Memorial 64-60 (in four quarters), St. Peter's 59-53, Cathedral 75-41, and Tottenville 71-35. At this point in the regular season Ford has a record of 2 wins and 1 loss. Ford lost a tough game against Xavier at St. Francis College.

The starting five consist of seniors Tom Ferro, Joe Collins, Tom Walsh, Arthur Lee, and Paul Sorrezza (currently on injured list). The team also consists of seniors John Marshall, Joe Santos (currently on injured list) and Larry Di Orio, and juniors Edgar Dela Rosa, Frank Giglioli, Dan Leary, Joe Savarese, and Paul Daly.

At practice the team concentrates on ball control, and, of course, defense. They practice every day after school for about 2½ hours. This time and hard work have been, so far, the main sources of the fine success of the Falcons.



Frank Giglilio up for the shot.

Mr. Nash says, "If we can play the kind of game we want to play, we should be one of the better teams in the city." If the team continues to play the same as they have, there should be no doubt in anybody's mind about the chances of Ford's participating in the city playoffs.

Table Tennis: Stlye and Strength

Joe Caruso, a powerful slam.

Joseph Caruso

The amazing Table Tennis Team slammed its way to victory in the first five matches of its season in the Industrial League. The team, which is coached by Brother Benjamin O'Rielly, leads the second place team by two games. The winning Falcons were led to their victory by Fayez Genadry, Michael Chew, Paul Wepy, Frank Pluchino, and Joe Caruso, whose combined record is 25-8. As the outstanding team approaches the middle of their season, it appears as though they will win their divisional title for a second year in a row.

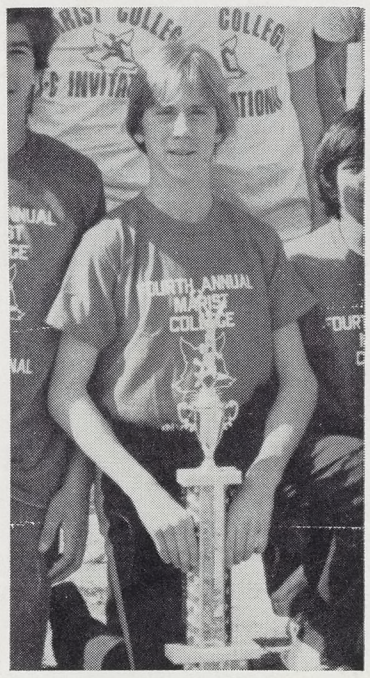
This year's table tennis team is participating in two leagues, the Industrial League and the High School League, which seasons will start in January. The team awaits every match with real desire to strike out against their opposition with the talent, style, and strength that has made them winners.

Sportlight: Bobby Powers

Michael Grecco

In the past "Sportlight" has focused its eye on the upperclassmen who have excelled in the athletics field, however, there are always exceptions to every rule. When a freshman has shown great ability and achievement, this is certainly an exception to the rule.

During the past four months the track team has had very notable results from a variety of runners. However, one freshman in particular has added a new dimension to the future of the track team. His name is Bobby Powers and he is an exceptional young athlete whose insurmountable drive is clearly apparent in his running.



Bobby Powers

Bobby Powers hails from Holy Name Grammar School where he started running sprints in the third grade and distance from the fifth to the eigth grades. Bobby is the younger brother of superstar Charlie Powers, who is presently captain of the Varsity Track team. Bobby has definitely been influenced by the achievements of his brother Charlie: "In the summer when I did not feel like working out, my brother would tell me to and I would work with him."

Bobby is very happy to be on a winning team and hopes that the track team will continue to have success. After winning important cross-country meets (Brooklyn-Queens Championship, Brooklyn Championship, and Private School Championship) and ranking first in four boroughs, Bobby will undoubtedly continue to have a fine year. He has no immediate plans for the future but hopes to run varsity in his sophmore year. As for his explanation of the team success, "We have all been friends from the first meet, we work hard, and I feel that this is what has helped us." Bobby stated furthermore, "Mr. Grammatico is a good coach, he drives us very hard and he is right there with us, keeping time and building spirit.

In discussing the success of the freshman team, one important fact that Bobby forgot to mention was the presence of a determined, powerful, and excellent runner, Bobby Powers.

Track Team Evaluation

by Ed Giltenan and Matt Cole

The Bishop Ford Varsity Track Team, having completed the finest cross-country season of any Ford track team, is now ready to begin the indoor season. According to the Coach, Manuel Fernandez, this year's team should be exceptionally good because of its depth. Talent can be found in every department of the sport in this year's team, distance (mile, two mile), middle distance (1000 yards, half mile, quarter mile), and sprints (300 yard, 220 yard, and 100 yard).

Some of the more outstanding runners on the team from each group are, Matt Cole, Charlie Powers, Bill MacKay (distance), Brian McDonald, Tom Crowley, Victor Vientos, George Hernandez, and Seamus Sullivan (middle distance), and Jim Fonti and Anthony Liquori (sprints).

The team is also fortunate to have three qualified hurdlers in Tony Procino, David Broderick and Frank Gallipanni, and a number of excellent pole vaulters including John Moss and Jim Sommers. The top men on the shot-put squad are seniors David Dee and John Dellachiesa, plus the added strength of sophomore Roger Maclvaney.

The members of the team can be found working out every afternoon in the gym, running around the school, or in the weightroom or in the schoolyard. The team is loaded with extraordinary talent and, as with any team, it is the key to their success. However, the dedication of the team's members and their willingness to triumph over their opposition is a great aid. Coach Fernandez stated, "I would rather have an average runner who really cares about the team and wants to work hard, than a greater runner who has no dedication to and no concern for the team."

Fortunately the members of the team know how good they can be and they want to work hard to win. So don't be surprised come the Brooklyn-Queens and the City Championships if you find the Bishop Ford track team on the top.

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